

2021-22 Ready Graduate Process and Appeals

2021 Graduating Cohort

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ACADEMICS

ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION. NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE

STUDENT READINESS

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS IN THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS

EDUCATORS

TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE TOP STATE IN WHICH TO BECOME AND REMAIN A TEACHER AND LEADER FOR ALL

Agenda

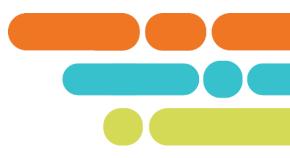




- Ready Graduate Elements and Requirements
- Data Review and Appeals Process and Timeline
- Ready Graduate Page on the Cohort Application



Housekeeping



Resources

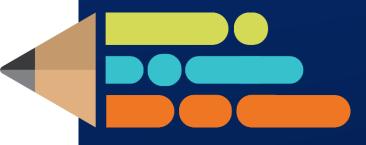
- Recording of this presentation
- Slides of this presentation
- 2021-22 Ready Graduate Process and Appeals Manual
- Ready Graduate FAQ
 (Access the above resources at TDOE webpage)

Questions

 If you have any questions after this presentation, please consult the above resources on the Cohort Application's Instructions page or email <u>TNED.Graduates@tn.gov</u>.



Ready Graduate Elements and Requirements





Define Ready Graduate



- An ESSA indicator of school quality and student success.
- Ready Graduate Rate:

Number of students who graduated in four years plus a summer meeting at least one *Ready Graduate* criterion

Number of students in the graduating cohort

* 100

- Students who earn a *regular diploma* or an *alternate academic diploma* are counted.
- Data are lagged for one year; the current process focuses on the 2021 graduating cohort.



Define Ready Graduate—Cont.



- Ready Graduates must meet at least one of the following pathways:
 - A composite score of 21 or higher on ACT (or 1060 or higher on SAT); OR
 - Complete 4 early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs);
 OR
 - Complete 2 EPSOs and earn an industry credential; OR
 - Complete 2 EPSOs and earn a minimal of 31 on the ASVAB AFQT test.
- Ready Graduates meeting the requirement only count once, even if they meet more than one *Ready Graduate* criterion.



ACT/SAT Requirements

- Meet the following ACT/SAT benchmarks:
 - A composite score of 21 or higher for ACT
 - A composite score of 1060 or higher for SAT
- The highest overall composite score will be recognized.





Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPSOs)

- EPSOs are designed for students to earn postsecondary credits and/or clock hours while in high school.
- Eight types of EPSOs are recognized:
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
 - Cambridge International Education (CIE)
 - Local Dual Credit (LDC)
 - Statewide Dual Credit (SDC)
 - Dual Enrollment (DE)
 - Industrial Credential (IC)





Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPSOs)—cont.



Different types of EPSOs have different requirements:

EPSOs	Requirements for Inclusion					
Advanced Placement (AP)*	Complete course (i.e., on transcript) and					
Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)**	attempt exam (no minimum score required; the department uses various data sources to					
International Baccalaureate (IB)*	determine the exam attempt. please consult the, 2021-22 <i>Ready Graduate</i> Process and Appeals Manual, (<u>Table 1</u>) for more details					
Local Dual Credit (LDC)**						
Statewide Dual Credit (SDC)*						
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	Earn a passing score of 50 or higher					
Due Enrollment (DE)	Complete course					
Industry Credential (IC)	Complete all requirements of a specific credential included on the <u>department's</u> <u>promoted list</u>					

^{*} For the 2019-20 school year, automatic EPSO credit for course completion. No documentation required.

^{**} For the 2019-20 school year, receive EPSO credit for course completion with documentation proving exam cancellation

Industry Credentials



- Awarded based on the mastery of a specific set of industry or jobrelated competencies.
- Each industry credential has different requirements for earning the credential; consult the department's industry credential <u>webpage</u>.
- An Industry Credential <u>IS NOT EQUAL</u> to an EPSO credit.
 - Some industry credentials can be converted to either plus 1 or plus 2 EPSOs.
 - Consult the <u>Industry Credential and EPSO conversion Chart</u> for more information.
- Students do not need to have a CTE program of study to earn industry credentials.
- Students can complete the credential requirements during the summer after their high school graduation.
 - The credential data are pulled after Aug. 1 annually.



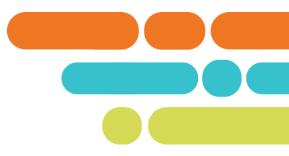
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT)

- Earn a minimal ASVAB AFQT score of 31 as of June 1 following graduation to demonstrate military readiness.
 - The U.S. Department of Defense sends the score data files to districts automatically after each testing cycle.
- The minimal score of 31 is subject to change; the department will update the requirement annually.





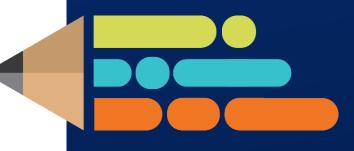
Summary



- What are the four Ready Graduate criteria?
 - A composite score of 21 or higher on ACT (or 1060 or higher on SAT); or
 - Complete 4 early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs); or
 - Complete 2 EPSOs and earn an industry credential; or
 - Complete 2 EPSOs and earn a minimal of 31 on ASVAB AFQT
- Which cohort of students is included in the 2021-22 Ready Graduate data?
 - The 2020-21 graduating cohort
- What requirements do students have to meet to obtain an industry credential?
 - Each industry credential is different, please consult the department's industry credential <u>webpage</u> for more information for each credential
- Is one industry credential equal to one EPSO?
 - No. In some cases, some industry credentials may count as either +1 or +2 EPSOs; consult the <u>Industry Credential and EPSO conversion Chart</u> for more information



Data Review and Appeals Process and Timeline





Ready Graduate Data Sources

Data Elements	Data Source
ACT/SAT	ACT, IncCollege Board
Advanced Placement (AP)	 Student information system (SIS) / Education Information System (EIS)
Cambridge International Examinations (CID)	SISCambridge International Education
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	College Board
International Baccalaureate (IB)	• SIS / EIS
Dual Enrollment (DE)	SIS / EISP20 Connect
Local Dual Credit (LDC)	• SIS / EIS
Statewide Dual Credit (SDC)	SIS / EISEarly Postsecondary Data System
Industry Credential (IC)	Certifying agenciesP20 Connect
ASVAB AFQT	• Districts



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June 17

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July 1

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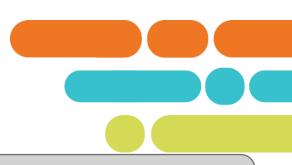
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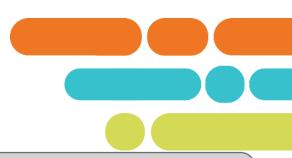
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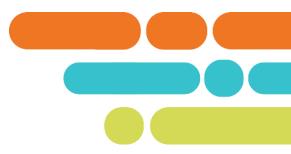
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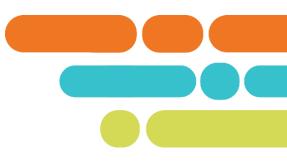
Appeals Process



- Appealable data
 - ACT records
 - SAT records
 - Advanced Placement (AP) records
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) records
 - College Level Examination Program (CLEP) records
 - Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) records
 - Local Dual Credit (LDC) records
 - Statewide Dual Credit (SDC) records
 - Dual Enrollment (DE) records
 - Industry Credential (IC) records
 - ASVAB AFQT records
- Review all data elements to ensure data quality and accuracy.



Appealable Situations



ACT/SAT data

- Districts have *valid scores* for students with missing score information in the student-level file on the Accountability application.
- Districts have *higher scores* than the scores reflected in the student-level file on the Accountability application.

Missing Ready Graduate data

- Districts have score reports and/or data files for students with missing data on the Ready Graduate page.
- Districts have ASVAB AFQT data.

Corrected Ready Graduate data

 Districts have score reports and/or data files for students with proper evidence to support students' Ready Graduate status.



None-Appealable Situations

- Data without required evidence
- Cohort Change
- Student demographic data change



Required Evidence for Appeals

Ready Graduate Element	Required Documentation/Evidence
ACT	 Data files from ACT that include the appealed student(s) or Student score reports from ACT
SAT	 Data files from SAT that include the appealed student(s) or Student score reports from SAT



Required Evidence for Appeals

Ready Graduate Element	Required Documentation/Evidence
Advanced Placement (AP)	For the 2019-20 school year: automatic EPSO credit for course completion For all other school years: Complete course (i.e., on transcript) and attempt exam (i.e., a score file from College Board)
International Baccalaureate (IB)	For the 2019-20 school year: automatic EPSO credit for course completion For all other school years: Complete course (i.e., on transcript) and attempt exam (i.e., a score file from College Board)
Statewide Dual Credit (SDC)	For the 2019-20 school year: automatic EPSO credit for course completion For all other school years: Complete course (i.e., on transcript) and attempt exam (I.e., documentation from the Tennessee Board of Regents affirming that the student(s) completed the exam for the SDC course)



Required Evidence for Appeals—cont.

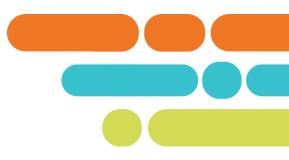
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Local Dual Credit (LDC)	For the 2019-20 school year: receive EPSO credit for course completion with documentation proving exam cancellation For all other school years: Complete course (i.e., evidence of course enrollment with enrollment dates with local institution) and attempt exam (l.e., documentation from the postsecondary institution affirming the completion of all course requirements for the LDC course)

Required Evidence for Appeals—cont.

Ready Graduate Element	Required Documentation/Evidence
Dual Enrollment (DE)	 Evidence of course enrollment with local institution (i.e., on transcript with DE course flag)
Industry Credential (IC)	 Evidence of credential (i.e., exam score, certificate, or license) from the certifying organization
ASVAB AFQT	 Earn a AFQT score of 31 or higher (i.e., individual score report from ASVAB or a copy of the official spreadsheet containing students' scores)



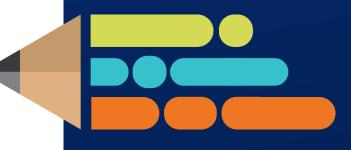
Appeals Submission



- Submission Format
 - Submit individually and/or submit in a mass format
 - Consult <u>2021-22 Ready Graduate Process and Appeals Manual</u>, Section 2.4 for specific submission guidelines.
 - Each document must be named by the Student ID in order to submit.
 - All appeals must be submitted by 5 p.m. CT on June 17, 2022.
- Department Review and Status Update
 - Appeals submissions will only be reviewed if appropriate documentation has been submitted.
 - The department will process each submission within five working days.
 - Status will adjust to "Approve" or "Deny" with commentary (if needed)
 after review.
 - All reviews will be completed by July 1, 2022.

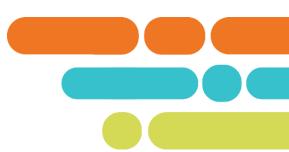


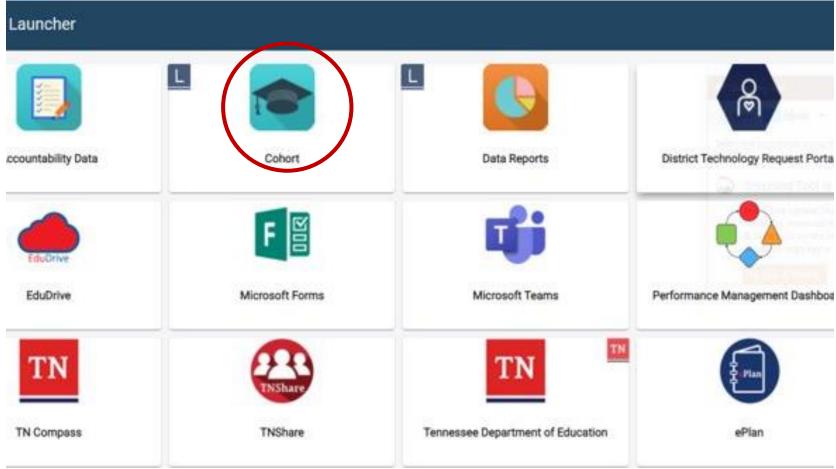
Use the Cohort Application Ready Graduate Page





Launch Cohort App from Orion Dashboard







Timeline

Listed below is the graduation rate process timeline. Please make a note of the key dates as any materials or data that are submit pay special attention to the July 1, 2022 deadline for uploading required documentation and submitting completion information deadline.

Correct student data in EIS Report completion types in EIS Upload required documentation for students withdrawn from the district Resolve duplicate state student IDs and/or students with more than one state ID (submit Cohort Change Request to TNED.Graduates@tn.gov using the guidance below) Reconcile with receiving schools students who have withdrawn using codes 03, 04, or 14 for whom there is no subsequent enrollment in EIS Resolve elementary or middle schools with graduation cohorts, which usually results from an enrollment record grade 9 that is not valid; thus enrollment needs to be updated with correct grade assignments in EIS Document early graduates with the appropriate completion type, completion period, completion date, and withdrawal code 12 Update incorrect withdrawal codes Verify accurate reporting of student subgroup(s), as federal law requires state reporting of graduation rate disaggregated by subgroups Resove students in the incorrect cohort year (submit Cohort Change Request to TNED.Graduates@tn.gov using the guidance below)	Phase	Estimated Dates	Tasks to be Completed
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Scroll down to the Instructions section. Districts can download guidance documents organized by header and date

2021-22 READY GRADUATE APPEALS

File Name Revised On

2021-22 Ready Graduate resources will be organized in this table.

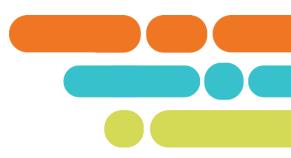


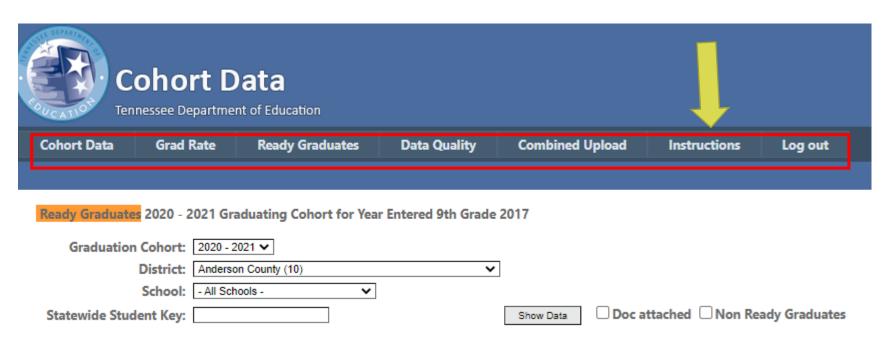
Scroll to the bottom and check "I agree/I acknowledge that I have read the news" to proceed forward and view Ready Graduate data

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Landing Page







The Ready Graduates tab displays realtime data.





Districts can filter by "Doc Attached" or by "Non-Ready Graduates"



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Districts can download .csv files.



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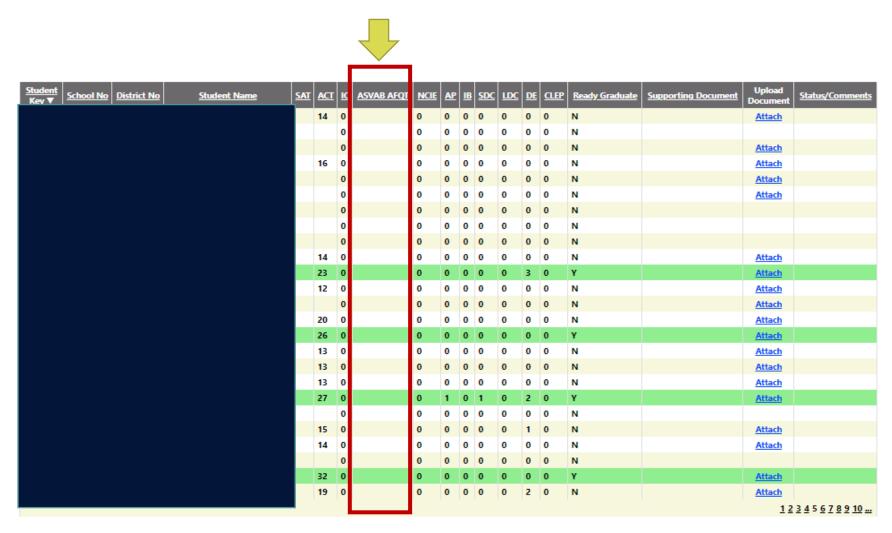
Focus on those students who have an "attach" option and NOT highlighted in green.

Students in highlighted green are *Ready Graduates*; no additional action required. Students with an "attach" option and not highlighted in green are non-*Ready Graduates*.





ASVAB AFQT is blank; districts must submit the data during the appeals window.

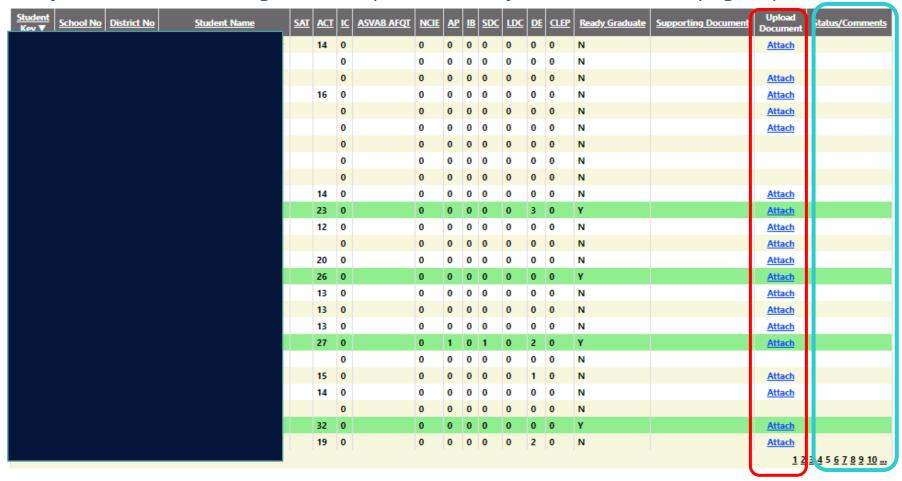




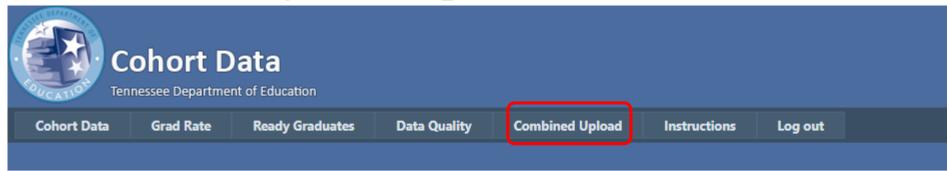
Districts may attach documentation individually

Individual document must be named with the student's state ID (student Key).

Documentation to be attached must be in a single PDF file. Multiple documents may be included in a single file, but please identify which EPSO each page represents).



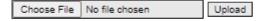
Districts may attach documentations for multiple students through mass upload.



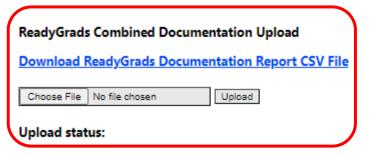
Documentation Upload

Cohort Combined Documentation Upload

Download Documentation Report CSV File



Upload status:



- Save each student PDF with the file name as the student's state ID. Incorrect student IDs will produce an error and will not attach to the student record.
- 2. Save all student documentation to be uploaded into a zip/compressed file containing the **district number**, **name**, **and the upload number** (e.g., ###_Apple_Co_Schools_1, where ### is the three-digit district number and 1 is the first combined upload performed by the district).
- 3. Select "Choose File".
- 4. Select the zip/compressed file.
- Select "Upload."
- 6. The "Status/Comments" column will indicate whether the department has reviewed and approved the appeal.



Calculating Real-time Ready Graduate Rate



Ready Graduate Rate:

Number of students who graduated in four years plus a summer meeting at least one *Ready Graduate* criterion

* 100

Number of students in the graduating cohort

- Download the **CSV file** from the *Ready Graduate* page on the Cohort application.
- Step 1. Filter the following fields to find the denominator:
 - Included_in_cohort to "Y"
- Step 2. Filter the following fields to find the numerator:
 - Included_in_cohort to "Y"
 - Completion_type to "1, 8, 11, 12, 13"
 - Ready_Graduate to "Y"
- Ready Graduate Rate = (Step 2 / Step 1)*100



Summary

What are the non-appealable issues?

- Data without the required evidence
- Cohort Change
- Student demographic data change

How will the cancellation of AP, IB, and SDC exams during the 2019-20 school year affect the Ready Graduate indicator for the 2020-21 graduates?

• Students will automatically receive EPSO credit upon course completion. Districts do not need to provide additional documentation.

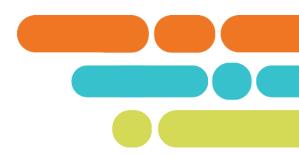
How will cancelations of CIE and LDC exams during the 2019-20 school year affect the *Ready Graduate* indicator for the 2020-21 graduates?

 Districts must provide evidence of exam cancellations (e.g., cancellation notification letters from assessment providers) for students to receive EPSO credit.

When is the last date to submit *Ready Graduate* appeals?

All appeals should be submitted by 5 p.m. CT on June 17, 2022.





Questions? Feedback?

Thank you for your partnership! We are excited to continue to improve the process in alignment with law and policy.

For additional support, please access the following resources at TDOE webpage:

- 2021-22 Ready Graduate Process and Appeals Manual
- Ready Graduate FAQ

For further questions, please consult the documentation on the Cohort application or email TNED.Graduates@tn.gov.

